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For: Protein HAUAQ39 (As Amended Herein)

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND PROVISIONAL ELECTION  
WITH TRAVERSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed July 14, 2003 (Paper No.4), please consider the following amendments, traversal, provisional election, and remarks. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner enter the following amendments prior to examination of the captioned application. Applicants submit concurrently herewith: (a) a Fee Transmittal Sheet (in duplicate), with appropriate fee; and (b) a Statement Under 37 C.F.R. § 3.73, Revocation of Prior Powers of Attorney or Authorizations of Agent, and Power of Attorney or Authorization of Agent,

Please amend the application as noted on the following pages.

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